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Date: Fri, 19 Nov 1999 04:55:44 CST
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2731

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    by Rich Force <bhabooks@together.net>
 22) R-390-A pictures
    by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
 23) Prices and eBay
    by "Andrew Emmerson" <midshires@cix.co.uk>

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 09:27:30 -0500
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: AF-68 Battery Substitute?
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199911180927_MC2-8D98-1B62@compuserve.com>
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Jim & Group,

I didn't look up the physical size of the Burgess but AES carries an
EverReady No. 412 that is the same physical size as the common 9 volt
battery but has a single contact on each end. I'm told that RadShack
carries either the same battery or a reasonable substitute, but I think
AES's price was a little lower.

Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 09:27:28 -0500
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: SILLY PRICE$ FOR BA'S
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199911180927_MC2-8D98-1B61@compuserve.com>
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Jonh & Group,

I have a long memory and a number of old catalogs from the late 40's
through the early 70's, and I've gone back and done a little looking. An=
d
thinking. Although there are many exceptions in both directions, my swag=

is that going prices for most of the military surplus stuff (I don't know=

anything about the civilian gear - don't collect any of it) is around 3X
what it was over that period. And keep in mind (if you are too young to
remember) that most of it was bought in those days for "conversion". On
the other hand, salaries and the cost of almost everything else has gone =
up
about 10X over the same period.   The "outrageous" prices (mostly from
eBay, or ePhratz as someone called it :-)) that keep being moaned over
here and on the other reflectors are just indicative of what's happening =
in
the "outside" world. And as John said, at least the pieces didn't go to
the dump. My 30 cents worth.

73,
Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 09:27:27 -0500
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: DM-34
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199911180927_MC2-8D98-1B60@compuserve.com>
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Roy & Group,

The DM-34 is the 12 volt dynamotor for the BC-603 and BC-683 push-button =
FM
receivers (part of SCR-508 and SCR-608 respectively). =

Message text written by Roy Morgan
>What equipment used the DM-34?
<

Robert Downs
WA5CAB
Houston

Message-ID: <383412FC.8C88B968@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 08:53:48 -0600
From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Prices for BAs Silly??
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

As most of you know, I am a proud buyer and seller of BAs.
You can smirk, but without guys like me,
most of your nice BAs would be rotting in the dump right now.
When someone complains to me about prices (if they're rude about it,
that is), I usually say: "You're probably right. Go on down
to Walmart and get one. I'm sure you'll find a better price there."

Let's consider just how "silly" these current prices are.
Take a BC-348 I bought at auction last month in Houston.
My cash expenses for the auction, prorated to the BC-348's share,
amount to about $10.*
The BC-348 costs $50.
I expended 10 hours work time driving to and from the auction,
from which I prorate 1 hour to the BC-348.
I spent 2 hours inspecting, cleaning, photographing
and boxing the unit. I spent a pro-rated $2 for film costs.
I expended just over an hour's labor scanning, writing
the HTML for the ad and posting the listing. I pay $2 for the listing.
The BC-348 sells for around $130, of which I pay the
listing company about $6. Shipping is a wash, assuming the
guy isn't a deadbeat. I spend another hour in paperwork,
email and accounting. Then I have to pay tax on what's left.

Here's how it adds up-
Cash expenses to get BC-348: $70
Sales price: $130
Net before taxes: $60
Minus 15% Income Tax= $51
Minus 15% SSI blackmail= $43.50 net

For my trouble and 5 hours labor,

I've made about $8 an hour with which to pay my bills.
I'd make better money at McDonalds, but I love
old radios and want to save as many as possible.

So no, I don't think the prices are "silly."
Not one bit.

73 DE Dave Stinson AB5S
arc5@ix.netcom.com

* I don't count the hours actually at
the auction as work hours
(although I probably should),
because I enjoy it so it's kinda recreation.
Besides- it would make the per hour rate
even worse ;-).

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Wed, 17 Nov 1999 21:15:50 -0600
Subject: Understanding Radio review - long
Message-ID: <19991117.211553.-73111.1.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: mnhopkins@juno.com

"It's an epistemological choice, of course, but I think these guys, like
Marcus and Levy, were on the right track by starting with a radio
receiver and progressing from that known ground."

He handed back my copy of Watson, H. et als "Understanding Radio, A Guide
to Practical Operation and Theory, 2d Ed., McGraw-Hill. Frank reads like
Superman types.

"I had seen this book back at the start of the second war," he continued,
"but this second edition added several things including phase inversion,
AC/DC power supplies, vibrators and a lot of material on public address
amplifiers I found welcome in a textbook.

"At 1951, it was contemporary with the Johnson Viking I," I noted, and
Frank made a face.

"That's like remembering your children's births in terms of Bill
Clinton's floozies," he ejaculated, "But you do allude to the extensive,
detailed home brew project collection -- I like it better than Marcus

and Levy for that."

"The 6J7, 6J5 regenerative receiver?" I asked, hoping he'd get my drift.

"That one was so vanilla it had little spots," Frank said as he sat up from adjusting a spat, "But at least they showed how to make those, and all the other coils, instead of sending youths out for proprietary parts that weren't common even when the book was written. You could make one of those today, but I'd add the optional 6K7 RF amp and think a long time before I'd agree that putting a power supply on a chassis with a regen is an improvement."

"Most of the projects are portrayed on pine," I pronounced. Frank's speech patterns are catching.

"Would that it always be so," he said stiffly, "When a newcomer compares one of these parts placed drawings with the circuit diagram, he gets a feel for schematics that's hard to acquire these days."

"He can also get a big shock fooling with a pair of 807s on a breadboard," I said directly.

"And swiftly," he agreed, "But that push-pull project and the Gnostic hint about combining it with another 807 doubler and a 6C5 Hartley would lead to a serviceable set up in any age. Those were welcome alternatives to the typical single ended QRPs usually offered for beginners."

Frank says deliberate QRP simply puts the burden of the contact on the other guy. He runs a pair of 100THs in push-pull, and the book's including a T-20 tube project didn't even rate a comment. He was fond of the 2M TX using a pair of 7A4s and he thought the Lecher wire section the best he'd seen.

"So, any other especially remarkable sections sighted?" I asked.

"Yes," he said. "I like the tuned dummy load and the home brew absorption wavemeter. Both were breadboarded -- too often we show neophytes how to build something but don't give them a clue on how to test it."

"So you think I ought to keep the book?"

"Of course," Frank said. "Don't even think of transferring it to someone who might build something. Put it in your Garage Gulag or your Attic Alcatraz! Or seal it in silver solder like Lucy's coffin in Dracula -- put a bunch of Garlic in the pages first and make sure to enclose it in the embrace of an Eldico or the clutch of a Collins! But for Armstrong's sake don't let it get out!"

He turned back to his brace and bit and I slipped quietly up the stairs. I decided to let him cool off. He's mounting 6J6s without sockets for some scheme in our basement workshop.

I left him the book.

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Student of Tecraft, ICM and Six Meters' Golden age: 1957-58
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Receive Converters: collecting tech data, all brands

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991118102127.007b8460@pyramid3.net>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 10:21:27 -0600
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Jim Isbell <mfalcon@pyramid3.net>
Subject: Western Union Desk Fax
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

The current discussion of FAX caused me to go to the garage and see what I have.

I have 4 Western Union Desk Fax's I think they they are, I hope since we are on the BA list, tube technology though I have never opened one of them up. I also have a box of the 3X5 (approximately) message forms that go on the drum.

Does anyone know why I am keeping these things? What can be done with them (yes I know, but they wont fit)? Could I trade them for something else?
Is it something worth keeping?
Cheers,

Jim Isbell

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 10:17:44 -0800 (PST)
From: "Robert P. Okas" <vintage@best.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: AF-68 Battery Substitute?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.10.9911180955330.8536-100000@shell14.ba.best.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Jim,

As unbelievable as it might sound, you might try R.S. My curiousity was aroused and I searched the www.radioshack.com web site. Came up with catalog # 960-0437, a Zeta U15 22.5 C-Z Photo battery. List price is $6.99.

Good Luck!
Bob - W3CD

On Thu, 18 Nov 1999, James C. Garland wrote:

> Hi Gang,
>
> I was very fortunate to acquire a NIB Multi-Elmac AF-68 transmitter and
> PMR-8 receiver, and I'm wiring up the power supply cables in preparation to
> putting the rig on the air for the first time. I note that the AF-68 uses a
> Burgess U15 22.5 Volt "B" battery to provide bias for the 6L6 modulator tubes.
>

Message-Id: <3.0.32.19991118122844.007fb100@mail.wt.net>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 12:29:52 -0600
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Benjamin D. Hall" <kd5byb@WT.NET>
Subject: Re: Prices for BAs Silly??
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I get so sick and tired of people whining about the prices of BA's.

To those who complain: Have you ever heard of a free market economy? Are you aware that you are living in one? Do you know what that means? IT MEANS THE MARKET SETS THE PRICE, PERIOD! So when you whine about BA prices being "too high," you are showing your own ignorance of the free market economy you live in, wasting bandwidth, and wasting everyone's hard disk space.

Secondly, I get tired of the whining about eBay. To the gentleman who claimed eBay is full of people of less than good repute: I sell on eBay. In fact, I buy and sell A LOT thru eBay. I consider myself an upstanding citizen, and EVERY SINGLE PERSON I've dealt with through eBay has been of the same caliber. Sounds like sour grapes on his part to me: if you cannot afford the prices, attack the character of the seller for "charging too much."

Bottom line: eBay is nothing more than an extension of the free market economy. Deal with it - stop whining about it.

You want to drive BA prices down? DON'T BUY A HIGH PRICED RADIO. Or better yet, sell your whole collection for a dollar. That will drive down the average price...

We all know that the person who listed the $1100 National Ranger and Johnson receiver WON'T GET HIS PRICE. So why are we wasting time talking about it?

Jeez, let's get back to BA's...

73,
Ben

Benjamin D. Hall, KD5BYB, Engine and radio collector / operator.
Located in Houston, Texas, USA.
e-mail: kd5byb@WT.net, web: http://web.wt.net/~kd5byb/
"An ye harm none, do what thou wilt."

From: Kd6b@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.54fccede.2565a604@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 13:57:08 EST
Subject: Re: AF-68 Battery Substitute? or ...
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

One option is to use 22V Zener diodes in the cathodes of the 5881 modulator tubes. This will protect the tubes when the driver transformer secondary opens up. I have restored two AF-67s and found the driver transforers open on both.
73
Ken Lakin, KD6B
Redmond, OR

Message-ID: <000301bf320d$4e51a380$7623cfc3@l9k1z8>
From: "Guido Roels" <on6rl@ping.be>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: PATTERSON - PR16
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 21:07:10 -0000
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
     charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello everyone,
A friend of mine obtained last week a Patterson model PR16 receiver.
The set is not working and we and we would like to repair it.
Can anyone show us the way to find some info, at least a diagram?

Greetings,
Guido, ON6RL.

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19991118164220.007b0970@mail.sssnet.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 16:42:20 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: w8au@sssnet.com
Subject: Re: Western Union Desk Fax
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Jim:

We used to use them over 25 years ago on 2 Meter FM to send pix to each other. Since we didn't have a means to "sync" the receiving units, the originating station would initiate a "countdown," and when the count got to zero, everyone started their drums. It did fairly well on black/white formats.

That was, until we were informed that FAX was not permitted on 2M FM. However, the modulation that those desk-faxes put out was just an amplitude varied single tone, not multi-tone true FAX. We could have easily called it F2, or tone modulated FM, which was legal. That was a minor technicality, but it scared off those who were doing it.

We submitted a rule making petition to the FCC to add F4 to the FM language for 2M, but the FCC let it lapse because it didn't generate much support around the country....obviously no one had heard of doing this with those units.

Sorry to say, that was the end of playing with those little "smoke generators." I wonder how toxic those fumes would be considered today...?

73,

Perry

At 10:21 AM 11/18/99 -0600, you wrote:
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>Cheers,
>
>Jim Isbell
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>

Message-Id: <199911182347.SAA26477@mail5.lig.bellsouth.net>
From: "Howard Weeks" <weeksh@bellsouth.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 18:45:19 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Subject: Prices for BAs Silly??

I have listened to the "harping" about high asking and occasional
selling prices for Boatanchors for several years. Have also listened
to the "sellers" harping about the those that question their prices.
Generally, I stay quite. This time, I am going to voice an opinion
on the subject along with the others voiced here.

First, my belief is that some of the prices reflect a high
degree of scalping going on (but not necessarily in all cases). I
don't question the owner's right to ask anything he or she wants to
try and get for a radio. It is theirs. On the other hand, I have a
sound right to disagree with that price - either privately or in the
public domain. For me, it becomes a public issue as soon as the
seller lists his asking price in the public domain. That market
resistance is a part of the economic equation to the same extent as
the seller's right to set his asking price. So I will continue to
question the price of anything I consider buying as long as I feel
compelled to do so.

 So sellers, don't let the "market place" upset you!

Howard K5JCP
Howard Weeks
Augusta, GA

Message-ID: <38349135.7426C51F@lawrence.ks.us>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 17:52:21 -0600
From: BobR <brainbol@lawrence.ks.us>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: AF-68 Battery Substitute?
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Same here.
Bob/WB0AUQ

Mike Feher wrote:
>
> Jim -
>
> I used two 9 volt batteries in mine. Easily available and cheap. Worked
> fine. 73 - Mike
>
> Mike B. Feher, N4FS

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 19:00:20 -0500
From: Mike Sewell <K0CRX@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: Western Union Desk Fax
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199911181900_MC2-8DC7-D5A4@compuserve.com>
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Back in the late '60s, quite a few of us were busily sending 'smokeys' ba=
ck
and forth on 6M AM. A local guy had gotten ahold of about a zillion unit=
s
and he became the distribution 'depot' for them. I remember that non of =
us
bothered experimenting with syncing them, eithe,r and you usually ended u=
p
with two picture 'pieces' instead of picture 'whole'. We sent a lot of

cartoons back and forth and then yukked about them on 6M phone. I also remember something about a fiber optics mod that was popular then. My machine (of course, I still have it) has that mod. We had a LOT OF FUN!!=
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Ah yes, the good ol' days!!

73, Mike

K 0 Collects Radios eXclusively/WPE0CFK

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 18:13:43 -0600
Subject: Re: AF-68 Battery Substitute? or ...
Message-ID: <19991118.182544.-362231.2.jackiv@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: JACK Iverson <jackiv@juno.com>

Very good idea. now where are those input txs when we need one?
                                    73   jack

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Jack Iverson   K0EWU   jackiv@juno.com
ARRL, IEEE LM, RCA, AMI, ARCI, QCWA,CCA

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 18:47:50 -0600 (CST)
From: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@admin.aurora.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Western Union Desk Fax
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.96.991118184519.21251B-100000@admin.aurora.edu>

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> formats.

We rigged up a couple of ways to sync the units over the air that worked
quite well.

> That was, until we were informed that FAX was not permitted on 2M FM.
> but it scared off those who were doing it.

Yeah, us too after being on with it for almost a year.

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> for 2M, but the FCC let it lapse because it didn't generate much support
> around the country....obviously no one had heard of doing this with those
> units.

I also submitted a petition. This time it did happen.

"Nostalgia is a thing of the past"
E-mail: broehrig@admin.aurora.edu or k9eui@arrl.net 73 de Bob, K9EUI
CIS: Data / Telecom Aurora University, Aurora, IL
630-844-4898 Fax 630-844-4222

From: Jderm740@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.b5e55b0d.2565fbdc@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 20:03:24 EST
Subject: Re: The National and the Johnson.
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hi

It reminds me of a funny book I read by Thorne Smith, called Turnabout. If
any one has read it and remembers it, you know what I mean. If you haven't
read it, you can try the library but I doubt that there is a library in the
US that still has a copy. Too Bad.

Jack Jderm740@aol.com

From: Jderm740@aol.com
Message-ID: <0.6ac5a590.2565fdee@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 20:12:14 EST
Subject: Re: Hickok Manual
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Bob

I tried the site Jose recommended but couldn't get it to open. But I went searching and found the following site: www.vaccuumtubes.com/manuals.html.

Jack Jderm740@aol.com

Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 18:05:49 -0800
From: Arden Allen <gumbear@pacbell.net>
Subject: Re: Prices for BAs Silly??
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <0FLF0001H9UQ0Y@mta4.snfc21.pbi.net>
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SocioEconomics II;

When the cream floats to the top and the crud sinks to the bottom you have a differentiation of class, i. e., the have's v/s the have-nots. Unfortunately they are both contained in the same jug and cannot escape each other. That's the way it will always be. The only justice is when the rich die and their inheritance taxes are used to sustain the poor. Yeah, right, dream on.....

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From: James Hanlon <knjhanlon@uswest.net>
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: AF-68 Battery Substitute?

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Jim,

Check my recent article in ER on the AF-67 and AF-68 if you have it. A long time ago, I put 22.5 volts of zener diode (several in series work fine if necessary) in series with the modulator cathode lead and grounded the center tap of the driver transformer. I've never bought a bias battery for the Elmacs since then. The modulation easily hits 100% and sounds fine.

Jim, W8KGI

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Date: Fri, 19 Nov 1999 04:29:10 +0000
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From: Rich Force <bhabooks@together.net>
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I remember using one of these units back in the 70's to copy WEFAX pix on 8080 kcs. Had to change the drum rotation speed so I set up a digital frequency generator put it through a LP filter and modulated a Sweep tube of some sort with 120 volts on the plate to drive the motor. Actually did copy some WX pix but they were always slightly skewed. I think I still have two units out in the barn.

I do remember the smell of the burning paper. Stinky!!!

Rich, WB1ASL

From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Subject: R-390-A pictures
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For all those who expressed an interest in seeing my magnificently rebuilt
Chuck Rippel R-390-A I have put a few pictures on my webpage... Boatanchors
> Receivers > Collins Receivers > R-390-A. The down side is that my camera
could hardly do it justice. I'm going to try an outdoor location (shady but
bright) and see if I can get a decent full-receiver shot with lettering you
can read. The closeups do show the quality of the front panel-and tomorrow
I'll take some interior shots. Look for those tomorrow night.

72 / 73  Ed  N4XY     email: <n4xy@arrl.net>

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Message-ID: <03e501bf327d$1d060da0$261899c2@oemcomputer>
From: "Andrew Emmerson" <midshires@cix.co.uk>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Ben's remarks are the voice of sanity at last. The bit about selling your
collection for a dollar had me creased and it's true-the people who complain
the loudest about high prices are the very ones whose own collections
benefit the most by increasing in value from the peanuts prices they
originally paid for their treasures.

As for eBay I've found it remarkably disciplined to date. I've had only one
duff deal, a test meter with a fault that the vendor almost certainly was
unaware of. The feedback profile system seems to eliminate fraudsters
effectively.

Andy G8PTH.

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